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Subject: July – September 2009 (1st Quarter FY 2010) Permit Activity

The period of July to August 2009 permit activity report does not consider the output conducted for the facility undergoing a major remodel and moving Engineering, Planning, and Water staff associated with development into the facility. Below are the major points for the period.

Total permits issued were 11.64% less in the 2009 compared to 2008. We issued 805 permits for construction as compared to 911. These do not include permits for occupancy (no work involved), signs, events, push carts, outdoor dining, and tents.

The total dollar value of the construction during the period was \$65,647,068 as compared to \$82,012,371 or a 19.95% decrease in permit value for work performed. This also impacts our revenue due to permit fees based on value of the work conducted.

Construction Value:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Single Family	48	87	\$ 8,607,782.00	\$20,671,665.00
Multi Family	1	11	\$ 9,457,760.00	\$ 1,957,542.00
Townhouses	64	27	\$ 1,862,031.00	\$ 407,700.00
Duplexes	0	0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Commercial	17	57	\$ 4,973,221.00	\$ 35,047,481.00
Residential				
Additions/Alterations	297	375	\$ 4,120,168.00	\$ 6,358,315.00
Commercial				
Additions/Alterations	374	344	\$ 36,385,606.00	\$ 17,222,418.00
Mobile Homes	4	10	\$ 240,500.00	\$ 347,250.00
Total	805	911	\$ 65,647,068.00	\$ 82,012,371.00

Our revenue for permits and inspections was \$616,121 during this quarter. This compares to the first quarter of last fiscal year of \$953,942 or 35.415% less revenue. In the first quarter of FY 2008 we collected \$666,112 or only 7.505% less than this year's first quarter.

An additional \$391,895 was collected as revenue that is **not** included in the amount of \$616,121 for the quarter. This was reimbursement for the demolition cost of the hotel located at 1500 Tunnel Road demolished in late 2007 with a lien placed on the property for those costs. In the first quarter of last year Biltmore Town Center permitted three large projects, including the Hilton, which resulted in over \$100,000 in permit fees.

The budget for the year has permits and inspections collecting \$2,648,900. Without a continued upturn in construction activity we may fall below this collection revenue amount. In reviewing the previous six years data, the following three quarters had mixed results for exceeding or less revenue than the first quarter. I will assume, based on just this quarter's results, that we will be slightly below our revenue estimate at years end. We have a large project to be permitted at MMH that will help and others in the wings. I will continue to monitor the revenue and permit activity.